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# Election results in

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Municipality of Dysart et al and Municipality of Highlands East had tight races for mayor and Ward 1 in the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections.

It came down to 58 votes in Ward 1 in Dysart.

In the Municipality of Dysart et al unofficial results, Pat Casey was elected as councillor for Ward 1 with 321 votes and Rob McCaig came second with 263 votes. Nancy Wood-Roberts was elected as councillor for Ward 2 with 504 votes with Daniel Roberts second with 334 votes.

In the Municipality of Highlands East unofficial results, Dave Burton was elected for Mayor with 1,117 votes and Cheryl Ellis was second with 801 votes.

Burton has been on council in Highlands East for four terms.

"I work very hard at what I do, and I'm dedicated to what I do, and I'm so humbled by the way people got out to vote to support me for another four years," Burton said.

In Dysart, Carm Sawyer was elected as councillor for Ward 4 with 568 votes and Ron Evans came second with 302 votes.

Those acclaimed to office were Murray Fearrey for mayor, Walt McKechnie for deputy mayor, Tammy Donaldson for Ward 3 councillor, and Barry Boice for Ward 5 councillor.

In Highlands East, Angela Lewis was elected for Ward 2 councillor with 449

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Long-time serving politician Murray Fearrey is looking forward to getting to work to serve the Municipality of Dysart et al al as mayor. Fearrey, who was acclaimed with Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie, returns after being away from politics for four years when he lost to past Mayor Andrea Roberts. He promises to resolve issues left over from the past council. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Respiratory viruses converging, says region's top doctor

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The healthcare system continues to be quite strained and we need to do everything we can to try to preserve it.

That's the message Dr. Nicole Bocking, the medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, delivered to the unit's board when it met on Oct. 20.

"When we ask people to take preventative measures now in an attempt to relieve pressure on our healthcare system, this is not just because of COVID," Bocking said. "This is because of many different respiratory viruses, all converging at a similar time."

The region has gotten its first confirmed influenza case and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is bringing people to the hospitals, she said. There's also the shortage of human health resources to staff hospi-

tals.

"All of this will continue to put pressure on our healthcare system, which is already quite strained," she said.

The BA.5 COVID-19 subvariant has born many children, said Bocking.

"And those children continue to mutate also, so we have multiple different lineages and sub-lineages that are continuing to emerge."

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# Environmentalist clarifies condo developer's claims about DFO

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The founder of a local environmental group believes the proponent of a Grass Lake condo development misrepresented support from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans during a Dysart council meeting.

Harburn Holdings has sought Dysart zoning bylaw amendments that will allow the application for an 88-unit condominium development on Peninsula Road on Grass Lake. The proponents are lobbying for amendments to Haliburton County's Official Plan and zoning bylaw that would pave the way for lot severance and accommodate the construction.

Anthony Usher, a planning consultant representing Harburn Holdings, outlined the proponent's development plans during a five-hour special meeting of town council Sept. 29.

It was the only issue on the agenda. In the end, councillors voted to kick the issue up the ladder to the county level. Now Haliburton County will decide if its Official Plan should be amended to allow the development.

Leora Berman is founder of The Land Between charity. Her group is a grassroots non-governmental organization that promotes environmental stewardship rooted in the understanding that a community's well-being comes from the land, according to its website.

Berman said Usher inferred five times during the special council meeting and in written reports in support of the project that the federal department evaluated the area during an April site visit and deemed the project environmentally safe to fish habitat.

She said proponents of the condo build didn't put the DFO feedback in its proper context.

"It was misleading for this community and for the council because DFO's role was only to look at whether the fill placed in the wetland was on top of fish habitat or not," Berman said. "It had nothing to do with the impact of the development on the fishery."

"I feel they deliberately inferred it had to do with the development rather than the fill placement."

Stephen Haayen, a DFO fish habitat biologist, took part in the site visit. In emails to Berman, Haayen said anything relating to fishing arising from development in Ontario falls within the jurisdiction of the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources.

"I did not do a proactive review of a proposed development nor was there even a finalized plan to review at the time of my site visit!" Haayen wrote. "DFO does not typically get involved to any degree in planning processes, as we need a confirmed project to review, to evaluate potential impacts on fish habitat."

"I will not speak further on this planning process, but

I can say that I gave neither a green light nor a red light to any future development on an area that is outside our jurisdiction."

Usher said DFO's April visit to the site was about fill that had been dumped there during a grocery store's 2004 construction. And that's all any references to DFO were about.

In fact, a town staff report to council for the Sept. 29 special meeting reads: "The applicant had also contacted the Department of Fisheries and Oceans about this filling, which their staff had visited the site and were advised they were satisfied with the work done with no further review required by DFO."

It also states: "The Dysart et al Official Plan shows an area of critical fish habitat identified by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry along the shoreline east of the subject property."

Usher said he wasn't present during the April site visit with DFO representatives. His client, the property owner Paul Wilson, was there. Usher was relying on Wilson's report afterwards of the site visit.

"I don't know who Tony Usher is," said Haayen. "I met with [Paul] Wilson, the owner. I didn't meet with [Usher]. I didn't speak with him."

Harburn Holdings retained Michalski Neilsen Associates Ltd. to complete an environmental impact study/wetland site assessment (EIS/WSA). That study demonstrates that, with all the mitigation measures in place, there isn't going to be any impact on the fishery or on water quality, he said.

"We have an EIS that addresses all the fishery and water quality issues and shoreline protection and making sure the shoreline buffers are forested," Usher said. "That is intended to ensure there is no discernable adverse effects on the fish and the water."

Berman said it was suggested during the special council meeting that DFO had evaluated the impacts of the condo development on the fishery.

"They left the impression that DFO had done some sort of evaluation of the impact," she said. "Not just the placement of fill, but the impact of this (condo) development on this fishery."

Haayen said in a telephone interview that what's happened to date at the Grass Lake site doesn't constitute an alteration or destruction of fish habitat.

"As part of the Triage Occurrences Team, I visited the site to determine if recent works that had occurred at the site were in compliance with the Fisheries Act," he said. "Based on my observations, I concluded that no harmful alteration or destruction of fish habitat was evident at the site."

Berman said the Grass Lake area is one of the most significant staging areas for walleye in Haliburton County.

"There's only two walleye areas in Haliburton County,

and that's the biggest one," she said.

And, as such, that area should be deemed an Environmental Protection Zone, of which Dysart has none, she said. Of the 50 or so Ontario municipalities Berman looked at, she said Dysart et al is the only municipality that doesn't have the proper bylaws in place to protect such areas.

A member of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA) who didn't want to be identified and is not a biologist spoke on background for this story said anything that may threaten walleye habitat is of concern.

The HHOA has worked to rehabilitate the walleye fishery in the Kashagawigamog waterway. The Drag River where the association has focused their efforts flows west through Head Lake and Grass Lake.

The walleye fishery has significantly declined over the years and it's believed water levels in the Drag River has played a role in that decline.

"The HHOA cleaned the spawning bed and we've been monitoring the walleye," he said.

Haliburton County recently adopted the shoreline preservation bylaw. It applies to lands 20 metres from the high-water mark of all lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds in the county. According to the county website, the bylaw also applies to "natural heritage features and areas, like significant wetlands, that play a role in water quality."

But Berman said the county's shoreline bylaw might not apply to wetlands as some people would not deem them to be shorelines.

"Environmental Protection Zones are typically wetlands because wetlands are flood-control," Berman said. "They provide us with so many services, including fish habitat, species-at-risk habitat, flood control, water filtration, water supply."

Usher said he doesn't criticize anybody for being concerned or worried about the resources. But no other qualified expert has put forward an analysis that shows there will be an adverse effect on the fishery.

"I completely appreciate that other people may still be worried," Usher said. "This is the most important resource there is in Haliburton. It's the lakes. I have to rely on expert opinion and right now I only have one expert opinion."

At least the lake's importance is one thing on which both camps agree.

The development of 88 condos will leave a footprint that will yield irreversible damage, Berman said. The sand and salt used in winter road maintenance will kill walleye food sources despite forested buffers.

"We desperately need housing," Berman said. "But not at the expense of something that cannot be undone."

## Sub-variants' severity shown by pace of spread

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Some of those sub-lineages tend to disappear. But there are others that are shown to be more transmissible.

"And they continue to develop and mutate and transmit even easier," she said.

Some of the things healthcare providers then need to consider is whether re-infection can occur and if vaccines will work on the newer, more transmissible variants.

Test positivity and the number of outbreaks continue to be higher, despite the coronavirus' seventh wave having peaked in August.

She said there are a dozen ongoing outbreaks in the region.

"The majority of those are in long-term care homes," she said. "Though we are starting to see some more outbreaks in hospital settings as well. We are continuing to see new hospital admissions directly as a result of

COVID-19 infection."

Test positivity in the last two weeks has increased "significantly," she said. And she wagered that can be attributed to continued long-term care outbreaks. But then wastewater surveillance has indicated low for the district's three areas.

"As the pandemic continues to evolve, as variants evolve, and our technology and tools evolve, we continue to evaluate and need to look at multiple pieces of the puzzle," Bocking said. "There's not just one indicator."

Two sub-variants that are in line to be particularly troublesome are BQ 1.1 and the BA 2.75.2 strains.

The BQ 1.1 sub-variant seems likely to emerge as the dominant one in the coming months, Bocking said.

"The piece of the pie that it's taking up is slowly becoming bigger in the United States," she said. "What we watch for is not the fact that it's becoming bigger. It's the pace at which it's becoming a bigger slice of the pie."

It's more infectious: That variant is almost doubling week over week, she said.

Getting vaccines and staying up to date with booster doses will go toward helping lessen the strain on the healthcare system, she said.

### Respiratory ailments tracked through Dashboard

Andrew Harris, an epidemiologist at the health unit, described the Respiratory Diseases Dashboard, which was launched in September. The dashboard combines the regional health unit's COVID-19 reporting, influenza surveillance, and data from the acute care enhanced surveillance system.

Basically, it categorizes such information as test positivity diagnosis, hospital admissions, age groups and municipalities, and admissions to the intensive care unit because of respiratory ailments.

"Over the course of the respiratory season starting the week of Sept. 1, we have seen 1,756 emergency department visits for influenza-like illness or respiratory syndromes," Harris said.

"To date, 11.75 per cent of all emergency department visits for our catchment area have been related to influenza-like illness or respiratory syndromes."

He said the unit sees five to 10 weekly hospitalizations for COVID-19.

### Work continues on Strategic Plan

An update on the strategic plan was given in May, Bocking said. But that was a quick synopsis of the 2019-2023 strategic plan.

"It had really just kicked off and then the pandemic hit," Bocking said. "The strategic plan for many different, important reasons stalled during the COVID-19 pandemic."

They got back to reviewing the plan as things related to the coronavirus began to settle somewhat. The need for such a plan continued to be relevant, she said.

"The pandemic was able to highlight a number of ways that we were excelling in the priorities that we had put forward," she said.

The strategic plan outlines the health unit's priorities and objectives.

Given the years missing due to the pandemic, Bocking said they planned to ask the board of directors for an extension.

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# School board updates bylaws

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board updated its organizational bylaws. School board trustees met to update its rules on Oct. 13 during a special meeting.

Wes Hahn, the board's director of education, said the group had a number of sessions and did quite a bit of work on the bylaws over the last year.

The organizational bylaws govern the form and manner and procedures by which the school board will operate, he said.

"It had been a number of years since the bylaws here have had to undergo a full-scale review process and update," Hahn said.

TLDSB trustees had two occasions to pore over the bylaws during group reviews. The bylaws were then sent to lawyers and the school board council for further review.

Further recommended changes were shared to trustees via email, he said. And final discussion regarding the impact of changes as the result of the new bylaws is scheduled for an upcoming learning session.

Trustees were presented with a final version of the bylaws during the special meeting on Oct. 13.

In addition to the changes, there are some new pieces added to the bylaws and clarity has been drawn out for some other pieces.

Hahn explained that much of the new details include such elements as clarification and additions to a table of contents,

renumbering of the bylaws to support a new logical flow to the document, clarification of structure and purpose of Committee of the Whole meetings.

"Those are just a few," he said. "There are others that are in the report."

"The TLDSB bylaws support trustees with their board of governance role, ensure consistency, continuity, and transparency in relation to the business of the board."

He said it's a good start to a two-phase process.

Louise Clodd, the board's past-chairperson, suggested a further change to the rules.

In the alignment with the advice of a legal and governance expert and to further support to good governance practices, she suggested the TLDSB commit to further implementation of the board bylaws as they relate to the structure, schedule, and process for committees involving trustees, Committee of the Whole meetings, in-camera meetings, and regular board meetings.

"This second phase of the bylaw update will result in a new meeting structure with Committee of the Whole and board meetings occurring the same day, consecutive meetings once per month, starting in September 2023," said Clodd.

Her suggestion was unanimously accepted.

The board will have its next regular meeting Oct. 25.

# New council members anxious to start working

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votes with Janice Dahms receiving 198 votes.

Cam McKenzie is acclaimed as Ward 1 councillor, Cecil Ryall is acclaimed as Ward 2 councillor, and Ruth Strong is acclaimed as Ward 4 councillor.

There were no candidates for deputy mayor in Highlands East, so the position will be nominated by members of council and voted on when the new term begins.

Gary Brohman was acclaimed as English Public School Board Trustee.

It is Pat Casey's first time in office, and he's looking forward to the challenge.

"Looking forward to making some positive changes. We've got a good bunch that got in in regards to other councillors," Casey said. "I think we'll have a good council moving ahead and a lot of it's people that are independent thinkers with the same vision to push Haliburton into the next chapter of the next term."

Nancy Wood-Roberts will be moving from Ward 1 councillor to Ward 2 for the first time.

"It's so exciting. I've got a lot of things to learn, but all in all, it's all about representing everyone equally," Wood-Roberts said. "It'll be a much bigger area with different concerns than the in-town ward. I'm really looking forward to it. I

just want to say thank you to everyone who supported me."

It is Carm Sawyer's first time on council and talked about the lack of interest in municipal politics this term.

"Murray and Walt know a lot. Thankfully they did step up. Murray brings a lot of information to the table that everybody needs to know. That resource is important," Sawyer said.

Fearrey, who has nearly 40 years of past experience on council in Dysart, said this council year was different from any other election he's seen.

"I think there was less interest than I've ever seen in some of the wards and for mayor and deputy mayor for sure," Fearrey said. "Politics has been most of my life. I like people, and I like seeing progress, and I am looking forward to it."

"I'm very aware of what the job is on council. We have to represent the people. I'm really looking forward to the challenge. I'm looking forward to meeting at the county and representing all of Dysart along with Murray," McKechnie said.

The new councils for Highlands East and Dysart et al will be sworn in on Nov. 15.



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Three-year-old Hunter Kellington of Newmarket has his face painted like a deer by volunteer Sydney Blake.



Wilberforce resident Matt O'Reilly shows off his temporary butterfly tattoo.



A man enters a silent auction bid during the the Highlands East Volunteer Fire Department Station 4 Fundraiser.



The community really showed its generosity with the amount of baked goods donated.



# HCDC celebrates successful year at AGM

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has reason to be happy after meeting the goals of assisting local organizations and creating jobs to successfully give our community a boost, even through tough pandemic circumstances.

HCDC assisted 69 businesses in the past year which created or maintained 253 jobs.

"Receiving the most funding of any CFDC in Southern Ontario, HCDC continues to be the most active lender of the 61 CFDCs in the province of Ontario. This past year, we disbursed over \$3.1 million in loans, claiming the largest investment fund valued at \$21.3 million of the 267 Community Futures Development Corporations in Canada," said HCDC's chair Patrick Kennedy in his opening remarks at the annual general meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the Red Umbrella Inn in Minden.

He said HCDC staff responded to significant increases in service volumes in the past year.

They also provided business counseling to 118 individuals and provided 128 referrals to outside agencies.

HCDC's mission is to "support economic development and encourage the development, implementation, and sustainability of initiatives that contribute to job creation, a resilient, vibrant community, and a healthy natural environment."

In their community economic development sector, they assisted six organizations and involved 22 community partners and 105 volunteers.

"That leveraged \$165,000 in the community through those strategic planning efforts," said HCDC program and operations coordinator Heather Reid.

Their Local Initiatives Program supported 25 local not-for-profit projects by dispersing \$86,500.

"HCDC is mandated by the federal government to provide loans to businesses, create jobs, business services, community strategic planning, and support community economic activities," said executive director of HCDC Patti Tallman.



Heather Reid, program and operations coordinator at Haliburton County Development Corporation, spoke about the success of the organization's Community Economic Development sector at the annual general meeting on Oct. 4. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

She said the government provides HCDC with an annual budget, and with that, they are able to carry out their lending activities, business services, workshops, and community economic development activities.

Tallman spoke about their business services. She explained they do much more than simply provide loans. "We not only provide loans to businesses, we provide free business counseling and deliver a range of activities through business counseling, entrepreneurial advice, cash flow forecasting, information services to businesses, social enterprises, not-for-profit organizations, and advice to anyone thinking of starting a business or not-

for-profit organization," Tallman said.

She said their investment fund is self-sustaining while earning interest over the past 37 years.

"These dollars are only used for the intended purposes of lending to businesses in Haliburton County."

Reid addressed HCDC's Community Economic Development Sector.

"This is really about finding not-for-profits and individuals with great ideas and helping them come to fruition. We do that through assisting organizations with strategic planning, organizational development," she said.

They were able to help a not-for-profit business get their start this year.

Their Local Initiatives Program (LIP) is one of the biggest projects taken on by the Community Economic Development committee.

"Every year, we take our investment fund transfer, and we move that into community economic development, so we provide not-for-profits [through the LIP]," Reid said.

In the spring and summer of 2022, HCDC's Business Incubator space had 41 meeting room bookings and 52 hot desk bookings.

The recently refreshed Business Incubator provides "affordable office space, broadband, mentoring, a meeting room, common room, and a co-working space," Reid said.

Peter Smith and Dale Bull resigned from HCDC's board of directors with Mark Bell and Tammy Rea taking their place.

Kennedy thanked both staff and the board for their efforts to make this year successful.

"I want to acknowledge our staff's hard work, once again rising to the challenges in a professional, efficient manner. A great team needs a great leader who can keep a positive atmosphere in the workplace during busy, often chaotic and stressful times, and we have such a leader in our executive director Patti Tallman. On behalf of the entire board, thank you Patti and our awesome staff team very much for all your efforts."

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Journalism has been a demanding, but rewarding profession.

I am proud to say I've had a fulfilling career, fuelled by a passion to be a storyteller.

It's always been about the people. I couldn't tell a story or take a photo without you all.

I recognize everyone. The positive. The negative. The indifferent.

Your validation meant more than all the awards I have earned. I couldn't improve without criticism. Intriguing those who don't read newspapers was my aim. I wouldn't have perspective without the shared experiences from seeing a calf being born on Easter Day to attending a plane crash.

I've heard it said that journey's are trips you take alone while those you share with others are adventures. What an adventure it has been.

This past year as editor, first as the *Echo* and *County Life*, and then interim-editor of the *Minden Times* is something I won't forget.

A sports editor at the *Kenora Daily Miner and News* told me at my first reporting job when I was working there for the summer between my second and third year at Humber College, "If you stay in journalism for more than five years you'll stay for life." Well, if 20 years is life, then the mantra is true.

I extend this same mantra to the incoming editor of the *Echo* and *County Life*, Vivian Collings.

I leave without a fortune my accountant can be worried about for tax season, but I take something more important: the value of community.

Community spirit is priceless. It's there for the families left homeless after

a fire. It's there for the children, who need food while attending school. It's in the volunteers who make everything happen here.

When I think the world is harsh and cold I'm warmed by the knowledge of a trio of cousins - founders of Families in Motion! - returning home and working to facilitate family socializing at the West Guilford Community Centre. It's one example of many here, which touches my heart.

In a day an age of memes and self-help slogans, I'm not supposed to have regrets.

However, I do. I wish I filed more stories. I wished this and that were covered to greater depth. As much as some readers want to criticize me for what I didn't do for this paper and the community, I have always held myself to greater criticism than they will ever know. More than 20 years and being a Capricorn has a way of informing me of a my shortcomings.

Someone asked me about how many photos I've taken during my career.

I wasn't even sure. From burning through about four camera shutters in my career, that

probably gets me close to a million. Conservatively, I guess I've written about a quarter of that. Counting has never been my focus though. I believe there is more to us than the time we've been around, but the life we have lived.

A friend told me about a podcast, expressing how journalists are taught to find out about other people's stories and often don't take the time to explore their own. It's true to some degree. I'm ready to find myself and to write the next chapter in my narrative. I've been told I made a difference, and that I'm courageous and brave for making this decision to leave the papers. I believe it's within us all to make decisions that leave us with no clear future, but to open a door to a new horizon full of opportunity. Here's to a new day, a new chapter and new vision. Time to take that step.



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## Editorial



Taking flight

by Darren Lum

## Judy

**J**IM AND I just arrived home from our first ever (and not last) trip to the beautiful province of Nova Scotia. We went for a vacation (with a really fun friend), and we went to attend the celebration of life for Judy Creelman. Judy and her husband Len and their family have been a part of our community for over 50 years. Judy and Len raised their six children in Haliburton, and both had full and busy careers here. Twenty years ago they retired to the Annapolis Valley to be close to Judy's family, but they always stayed connected to Haliburton. And so have their kids and grandkids.

It was a beautiful, sunny day for the gathering. It took place at The Founders House which is a lovely restaurant in the Annapolis Valley. The room where the gathering took place was decorated with love. Judy's family created a table of photographs showing her life from when she was a small child to a deeply loved wife, mother, sister, friend, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. The event was exactly as Judy would have wanted: Casual and full of joy.

The food was divine. There is nothing like sea food dips made with fresh ingredients. And the cheeses. The cheeses were exceptional. We arrived, got a glass of wine, had some snacks and everyone chit-chatted. I think the three of us were the only non-family guests from Ontario. Everyone made us feel welcome right away. Siobhan Creelman (daughter of

Anne and Kirk) was there with her husband and three delightful young daughters, Hattie, Clemmie and Penny. They had their art supplies out, their favourite Aunt Sophie by their side and they contributed a very happy vibe to the event as they pranced around. Matt Creelman (son of Judy and Len) was the master of ceremonies. He welcomed everyone and made space for people who wished to speak. Len

wrote a loving tribute to his wife who he loved with his whole heart. It was read by his brother-in-law because Len just knew he was too teary. Judy's kids spoke as well as family members and friends. I talked about how when I started teaching yoga in Haliburton in 1995, Judy was one of my first students. She enthusiastically joined my

class and was a loyal student until she left for the East Coast. She encouraged me every step of the way to follow my dream of being self employed and of bringing something new to the community.

Judy was passionate about gardening, reading, and, as her son, Kirk said, "She was a social artist."

There were so many stories about the parties she hosted, the cakes she baked, and how she always made space for guests at their dinner table. Judy would have laughed and cried along with all of us through the celebration if she had been there. She lived a life full of joy and she gave a lot of joy to everyone she knew. It was an honour to be there and celebrate her. Her love lives on.

Tales from the great



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# points of view

## Fridgerton

**M**Y SISTER CALLED me a while back to tell me about a show called *Bridgerton*, which she really likes. Naturally, I assumed it was a show about bridges.

It turns out this is not the case. It is a show about a bunch of really good-looking people in Victorian England who talk with funny accents, wear costumes and obvious wigs and have torrid affairs with each other. It has nothing to do with bridges at all.

That's strange, because it was created Shonda Rhimes, who is famous for other successful TV series, such as *Grey's Anatomy*. So, I'm pretty sure she knew what she was doing.

The problem is the only reason I gave the show a shot was because I believed its focus was on bridges.

I am a fan of bridges. Covered bridges, old wooden bridges, cantilever bridges, suspension bridges, railway bridges, arched bridges, truss bridges, beam bridges – no matter the type, I love them. I enjoy walking or driving across them, fishing beneath them, and even jumping off them into deep water. And so do many people. Shonda Rhimes knew this, I bet. Which leads me to suspect that this is the reason why she came up with the misleading name. She clearly wanted to draw in the lucrative bridge appreciating community. It was all about ratings.

Shame on you Shonda!

This type of false advertising should not happen. It wastes the viewer's time.

That's why I changed the name of the 12-part refrigerator-based television drama I am currently writing from *Keeping it Cool* to *Fridgerton*. I want the viewer to know exactly what they are getting into.

Yes, that's right. Finally, someone has the guts to write a gritty drama about a family living with one full-sized refrigerator and a bar-fridge in the basement.

Not to brag, but my show, should it be picked up, will address all the difficult refrigerator-based issues head on.

The pilot episode, *How long has that jar been there?*, is a great example. In that episode, the main character, Sven (whose real name is Steven, but after a horrible, alphabet soup-related accident developed an irrational fear of the letters T and E) is wondering which decade a jar of mayonnaise in his fridge was opened in.

I think we can all see how relatable this is.

Episode two, *What is this?*, has Svn, who finally realized there was also an E in Sven, asking his wife, who he now refers to as Jnnifr the salient question: "What is this?" as he shows her the mysterious contents of a Tupperware container discovered in the far reaches of their refrigerator's bottom shelf.

I won't go on about it because, frankly, I'd rather let you experience the story's arc. Just know that there will be tense episodes such as *The great July power outage (there goes the ice cream)*, as well as touching ones such as *Dinner's in the fridge*.

I'd like to tell you more, but the series is still in development. Suffice it to say, I envision Liam Neeson playing Sven and Mark Hamill as the voice of the cool, but unreliable, bar fridge, whose character really comes into its own in season two.

The point is you know what you are getting. A relatable, made for television series based on our interaction with the fridges in our lives. I won't divulge any more. It's a fridge-based drama. No one wants a spoiler alert.



steve  
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## Loon Tales



## pic of the past

**B**ell Telephone Co. salesman (summer students), Dennis Madill, from left, Don Foster, and Paul Ouellette stand with company cars at the corner of Highland Street and Cedar Avenue in Haliburton in 1969. Their manager was Earle Casey. Madill was local, being the son of Frank and Bettie Madill of Haliburton. Bell Telephone Co. building (now incorporated into Mike Easton's plaza) in background. This was published in the "Bell News" on Sept. 1, 1969 on page three - B.T. Co. employee newsletter courtesy of Lise Noel, B.T. Co. Archivist. /Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum's Steve Hill



## Capturing colour

Reflections of autumn at Head Lake Park in Haliburton from earlier in the month. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



# Highlands choir groups welcoming new members

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Three local choir groups in the Highlands hope to bring the joy of singing to interested new members of all ages to join them in harmonious melody.

The Highlands Harmony Choir, led by Laurel McCauley, the Highlands Youth Choir, led by Beth Kipping, and the Highlands Festival Singers, led by Melissa Stephens, are all seeking new members.

"Singing and music to me is another friend, and I feel like I'm giving [the singers] another friend for life. Music is something one can turn to when they're happy, sad, and lonely. Music can really help with your feelings. I really try and instill that in the kids," Kipping said.

The Highlands Youth Choir is for children ages eight to late-teens.

Kipping has been leading the choir for 14 years and currently has about 12 youth singers that practice in her home every Monday evening.

She said the experience is rewarding for kids because it allows them to experience music in a non-threatening environment with or without a prior singing background.

"This is the experience they get. There's not much music in schools anymore, and it's really important for kids to be exposed to music. We have a lot of fun, and at the same time, they learn singing," Kipping said.

Participating in the choir also allows singers to create long-lasting friendships with others from throughout the county.

"They get to meet kids of different ages, but they're all on the same level. It's a really neat transition," she said.

Kipping said the older participants guide the younger ones with their singing.

"When they come in brand new, by the time they've been here six or seven years, they're leaders in the choir. It's really fulfilling to see that happen," she said.

The Highlands Youth Choir, along with the other two local choirs, welcomes members from throughout the



Mya Backus, Taliah Dumas Stephenson, at back, and Róisín Hogan sing *Memories* by Maroon 5 as the first song during the Highlands Youth Choir practice on Monday, Oct. 17. / VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

county.

"I have kids that are homeschooled, I have kids who go to public school, some kids have been driven in from Wilberforce, so this is county-wide. It's really important to me to give this opportunity to all kids," Kipping said.

Kipping said most of the children in the choir previously have graduated, so she is starting with a new

group.

## For older singers

The Highlands Harmony Choir changed its name from the Shout Sister Choir in 2021, but has been singing together since 2011.

"There were 24 members to start and the choir grew to over 50 before the pandemic. At that time we moved to Zoom practices and just kept on singing," McCauley said.

Members do not need to have experience reading music.

"They can learn by ear from recorded tracks. The music is a mix of old rhythm and blues and contemporary pop," McCauley said.

The Highlands Festival Singers are planning a Christmas concert for Dec. 4 and 6, called Hallelujah, We're Back Live, at the Haliburton United Church on 10 George Street.

High school age singers and up are welcome to sing with the Highlands Festival Singers, no auditions required.

The Highlands Youth Choir meets at Kipping's home on County Road 21 in Haliburton on Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. The Highlands Harmony Choir meets on Thursday evenings, and the Highlands Festival Singers meet on Tuesday evenings, both at the Haliburton United Church.

Norma Goodger, a singer and treasurer of the Highlands Festival Singers, also said the experience of singing with a group of people is very rewarding.

"We would really love to get some more people joining to enjoy singing with a group of people," she said.

Contact Kipping to join the Highlands Youth Choir by email, [bkipping@bell.net](mailto:bkipping@bell.net), or phone, 705-457-4916. Email [highlandsfestivalsingers@gmail.com](mailto:highlandsfestivalsingers@gmail.com) or call Kipping to express interest in the Highlands Festival Singers. Contact McCauley, [laurelmc@sympatico.ca](mailto:laurelmc@sympatico.ca), to express interest in the Highlands Harmony Choir.

"It's all about the joy of singing for all local choir groups. We want to share that with others," Kipping said.



Sophia Danilko, from left, Mya Backus, Luna Scuhr Marzialli, Fia Scuhr Marzialli, and Evelyn Mardus stand around Beth Kipping's piano.



The Highlands Youth Choir sang between smiles and laughs with Beth Kipping during their second practice of the year.



*Any Dream Will Do* from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* was the second song the Highlands Youth Choir sang during their practice.



Kipping sings with the Highlands Youth Choir during warm up exercises.



# Recording studio comes to Highlands

*Canoe FM's latest initiative brings opportunities for music lovers in the Highlands*

**DARREN LUM**

*Editor*

Talk to anyone from the Highlands who has produced an album recently and they will tell you about travelling to studios outside Haliburton County such as Peterborough.

That's all changed now with Canoe FM's studio project to start a professional recording studio here, which will be open to the public.

Valued at close to \$30,000, the studio's professional grade equipment was purchased with help from professionals in the area, and with funds raised from the community's support of the station through playing Canoe FM bingo. The studio will also have the expertise of a fulltime employee thanks to a Community Radio Fund of Canada grant worth \$35,000.

Canoe FM board chair Paul Vorvis said recordings can be by anyone that loves music.

"It doesn't even have to be [related to a] musical career. It could just be people who have an itch that they want to scratch. They want to produce their music and record their music and want to play it on the air, but there will be a little bit of a screening process. It'll be very mild screening process," he said.

Less than a week ago, the Haliburton-based station that serves the entire county hosted its first recording when performers came to record a script for a radio play, which will be broadcasted by Canoe FM.

This start is the beginning and will be part of the momentum the station wants to create for residents with a passion to have their voice recorded in any capacity through this initiative.

Vorvis said from inception it was a year-and-a-half process to start everything.

He said the idea came out of the station's mission, which is to feature and promote local musicians.

"We have a lot of talented musicians in the county, but unfortunately a lot of stuff they have recorded is not up to the quality that really and truly reflects their talent," he said. "It's maybe done in basement studios and on computers and all that type of stuff."

Vorvis, who was on the station's music committee at time, saw a need.

He submitted a business plan, which included converting the Malcolm McLean Radio Hall to a professional recording studio.

This plan, he added, includes the idea that it would operate like a "loop."

"We would attract youth and other musicians, and other community groups, not just musicians. It could be choirs, or church groups and we have them come in and come into Canoe FM and be able to record their music, and then we could distribute it through the NCRA (National Campus and Community Radio Association), nationally. He adds this could provide the necessary help to promote musicians, which could serve as a big step in their career.

Hiring new production employee Marcus Thompson in September was important since current station engineer, Ron Murphy just didn't have the time.

"Ron has a lot of expertise, but he doesn't have the time to do this, so we thought we could hire somebody who could just be dedicated to this project," he said.

Thompson is a graduate of Humber College's music program. He is a jazz and trumpet player, and has parents with a musical background, as teachers and musicians. They live in Haliburton.

Applicants for the position came from Ontario, but also as far away as New Brunswick and Montreal.

The position not only includes the operations of the studio, but also marketing the studio and training volunteers to ensure there are people to take over once the contract is over in a year. That station's emphasis is on building "momentum" to ensure the community embraces the opportunity.

Vorvis said, "There is a buzz out there. We just don't know how it's going to translate just yet, but we're optimistic."

The marketing efforts will include high school students to ensure there are youth aware of the opportunity.

Anyone interested in recording need to contact Thompson at Canoe FM. He will schedule sessions, which will be preceded with a pre-production meeting to determine goals. As of now, there is not any particular criteria.

"We want to keep it open enough. We don't want to discourage anybody at this point. We're actually doing this – at least the first six months and then reassess – but it will be on a no fee basis. And then once we get it going and build some credibility we'll take a look at that and decide. We're not going to use [the studio] as a profit generating centre. We may go into a cost recovery mode. For the first six months we're just happy to record some stuff and get the project moving," Vorvis said.

Canoe FM's newest employee Marcus Thompson is inviting people to contact him about recording sessions at the Haliburton-based station, which added a recording studio. Thompson, who's parents live in Haliburton, is a graduate of Humber College's music program and is a jazz trumpet player.  
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## Poetry in motion

Dance artist Noriko Yamamoto performs her mime-dance, *The Crane* at the Dance Rx3 Re-emergence, Re-engagement and Reconnection event on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the great hall in the Haliburton School of Art + Design. The event was presented by DH3 (Dance Happens Here Haliburton) and included the screening of the short film, *Dance Rx3: Re-emergence, Re-Engagement, Re-connection*, by Brad Brown of Upside Brown Production Services ([www.upsidebrown.ca](http://www.upsidebrown.ca)), live performances and a panel discussion with the dance artists. /DARREN LUM Staff



Dance artist Brian Solomon performs *Thunderbird's Transformation* at the Dance Rx3 Re-emergence, Re-engagement and Reconnection event on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the great hall in the Haliburton School of Art + Design.



Dance artist Madeline Friel performs *Clear* set to Leonard Cohen's song *Famous Blue Raincoat* at the Dance Rx3 Re-emergence, Re-engagement and Reconnection event.



Dance artists Zhenya Cerneacov, from left, Mairead Filgate, and Brodie Stevenson as the Throwdown Collective perform an excerpt from *Liminal*, a performance that had the dancers "step into the persona of back up dancers, transforming and evolving through complexities of character and emotion, revealing both their outer personas and inner worlds."



# Sir Sam's Ski Patrol prepares to carve into a new season

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Get ready to fasten your bindings and tighten your boots.

A new snow season is upon us, and skiers and boarders at Sir Sam's can shred the slopes with peace of mind knowing they will be taken care of if anything goes awry.

This year, Sir Sam's Ski Patrol team is seeking new members.

"Ski resorts cannot function without a patrol on duty. Treating and transporting injured guests to an EMS access point is basically what we do. Doing this smoothly and professionally mitigates further injuries and promotes a speedy recovery," said George Sharp, ski patrol leader at Sir Sam's in Eagle Lake.

Gordon Graham has been a ski patroller at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride for five years with 10 years experience ski patrolling in total.

He said his experience as a ski patroller has been enjoyable and fulfilling.

"Ski Patrolling is a very, very rewarding winter pastime. We all have become good friends on the patrol. It is an opportunity to learn a variety of skills, both on the ski hill and as first-aiders. Our patrollers qualify for the Red Cross Emergency Care for Professional Responder certificate on completion of the training," Graham said.

Sharp has been patrol leader of Sir Sam's Ski Patrol for the past 10 years, and has 20 more years of experience in addition.

"It has been a very rewarding 10 years, not only because one is able to give purpose to one's skiing, but because you can promote safe skiing and help people who, literally, run into problems on the hill," Sharp said.

Graham explained that each patroller is expected to put in 15 days of patrolling per year.

"Lots of patrollers do more. We set our own schedules though, to suit the times that we're available and if someone needs to exchange a shift, there is always someone ready to help out," he said.

Among being able to help anyone who may need it, patrol volunteers can also



Sir Sam's Ski Patrol has spots left for new potential patrollers and is preparing for their upcoming qualification weekends to be held in November. /Photo submitted

expect to make a few friends.

"All of our patrollers have a keen interest in alpine skiing. Patrolling brings like-minded people together. We are a very social group of volunteers," Sharp said.

He said ski patrol is a necessary service to any ski hill because it can ensure injuries are properly cared for on site.

Their training and certification is through the Red Cross EFR or EMR standard, but they accept Red Cross certifications on a case-by-case basis.

"There are also other training requirements throughout the season such as toboggan handling and chairlift evacuation," he said.

Training will take place on Nov. 4, 5, and 6 for new members, and Nov. 11, 12, and 13 for members to renew their qualifications. Sharp said there are some vacan-

cies left.

Those interested in joining the patrol can contact skipatrol@sirsams.com.

"Patrollers put in many, many unpaid hours to maintain their competencies and to ensure the ski hill is a safe envi-

ronment, and we're really interested in attracting new member," Graham said. "It makes a long winter short. Spring and the end of the ski season always seem to come too soon."



## Autumn showcase

Koshlong Lake sports a rainbow of colour on a warm fall day. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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Storm stun Bears

Highland Storm Sharp Electric U15 LL centre Haiden Bird rushes the puck deep in the South Muskoka Bears end during minor hockey action on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Bird scored four goals to lead all players while teammates Nathan Guild scored two, and players Ethan Rowe, Brady Hamilton, Logan Reid and Erik Bird added one each. The shutout was earned by Storm goalie Taylor Consack in the 10-0 win. /DARREN LUM Staff



Highland Storm Sharp Electric U15 LL player Ethan Rowe rushes past a Simcoe Muskoka Bears defender.



Highland Storm Sharp Electric U15 LL player Logan Reid watches his shot.



Highland Storm Sharp Electric U15 LL player Brady Hamilton evades his check, rushing into the offensive end.

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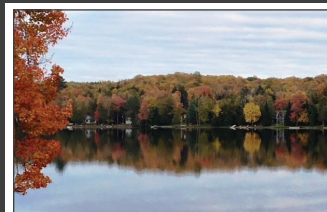
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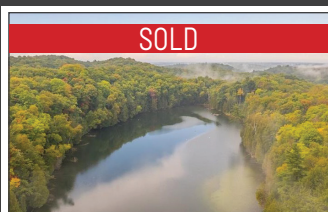
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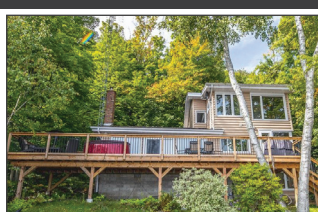
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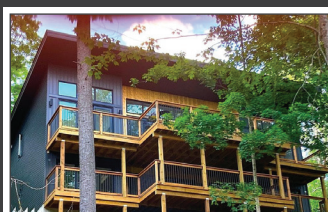
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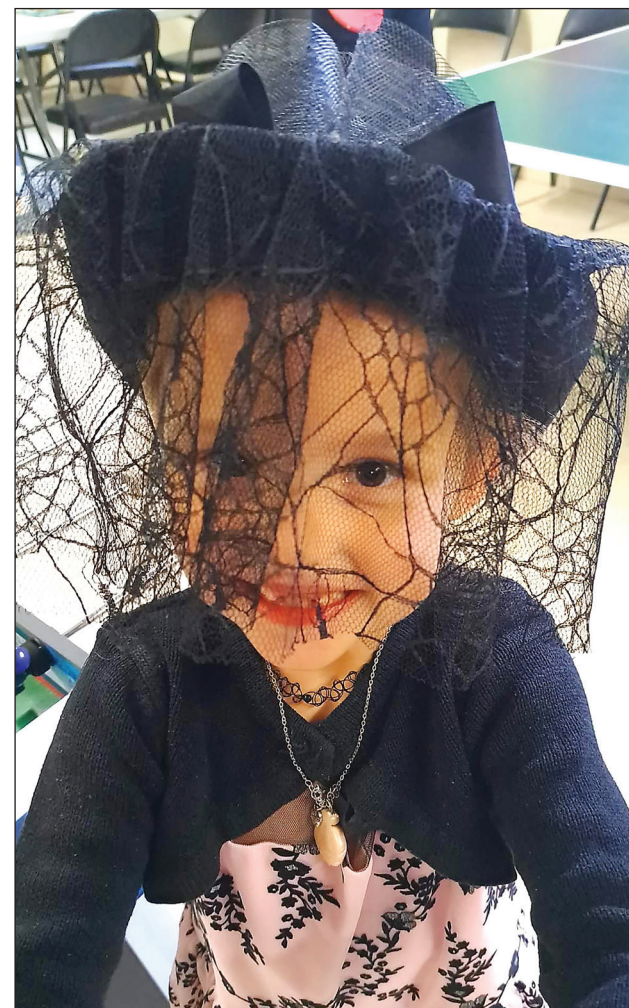
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Holly Carpenter, middle, put on a puppet show with friends during her sixth birthday party at the DropZone! at the West Guilford Community Centre on Saturday, Oct. 15. /Photo submitted by Jaime Bilodeau



Holly Carpenter smiles after putting a hat on from the dress up area.

# DropZone! volunteer exemplifies civic duty

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

We can all learn about the importance of volunteering to help the community from six-year-old Holly Carpenter.

Holly is rarely away from the DropZone! a family arcade and recreation space, at West Guilford Community Centre on Friday evenings.

"She needed to go every single Friday to go to her 'job,' and if she couldn't attend, if we had another obligation, she would make sure I called them to let them know Holly couldn't attend to help that day. She takes it very seriously, like it was her job, and she needed to be there," Jaime Bilodeau, Holly's mom, laughed.

DropZone! co-organizer Sue Bridge said Holly has been essential to the success of the community arcade.

"Holly has been coming to the DZ since we opened. We have volunteer laniers and she puts one on as soon as she arrives," Bridge said. "She tidies up whenever she sees a mess somewhere, and at the end of the night, she insists on helping clean up and pack up anything we have to put away, even loading things on the dolly and

pulling it to the elevator!" she said.

Bridge said Holly's grandparents, John and Angela Ball, have also been helping at the DropZone! since before it opened.

"[They have helped] with the initial setup, heavy lifting etc, helped us figure out how to use the big popcorn maker and the new snowcone machine, and since opening, sometimes helping with running the snack bar. They have just been amazing neighbours and volunteers," she said.

Holly had her sixth birthday party at the DropZone! on Saturday, Oct. 15. It was the first time for a birthday party to be held at the event centre.

"Holly's birthday party was fantastic. Everybody who attended had a great time. The parents were blown away with all of the activities that were available to them as well as the food options, which also are provided when DropZone! is operating," Bilodeau said.

The DropZone! is put on by Families in Motion! which provides recreational opportunities to families living or cottaging in the area and is based in West Guilford.

All ages had fun at Holly's party, because there was something for everyone.

"The kids had a lot of fun with the karaoke area and

the dress up area. They had a puppet theatre in the one back room that's designed for younger kids, but all of the older kids had just as much fun in that area as the younger kids did," Bilodeau said.

Almost 40 people attended the party, and it was a great celebration for someone who has helped at the DropZone! so consistently.

"Holly's very independent, and she likes to help people. She really enjoys having a job, which I hope continues to when she's older too," Bilodeau laughed.

The DropZone! had their Grand Opening on Friday, July 8. It is a games arcade, but also a place for family fun, playing games and, simply, socializing for the young and young at heart, and also has a snack bar that is open between 4 and 9 p.m. every Friday evening with a \$5 entry fee for everyone.

The arcade features a snack bar and everything from classic arcade games to karaoke, ping pong, Lego, and many other games.

Book your own party at the DropZone! Celebration Station! by visiting [www.familiesinmotion.ca/the-celebration-station](http://www.familiesinmotion.ca/the-celebration-station).

## Giving back

The members of the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers came together to showcase the \$1,101 they will donate to the Auxiliaries of the Haliburton and Minden hospitals. This total is the most the car enthusiast club have been able to collect from events held this past year and it was done through the generosity of their sponsors, spectators, participants and members. In the spring, the group will have its meet-up schedule available through sponsors. /Submitted by Cheryl Parsons







**Striving for success**

The Red Hawks field hockey team players Bayley Stover, from left, chases down her teammate Abi Lewis at practice on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks field hockey team players Abi Lewis, from left, follows the play as Bayley Stover, and Addyson Parish engage for a loose ball during a weekday practice.

## Joyful meeting with Martha

community news

### west guilford

Eleanor Cooper  
754-2278

A great happiness was brought to me on Oct. 14 when a knock on the door meant that the long absent, much loved person of Martha Perkins, former editor of the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times* came to visit me. What memories we shared as Martha read my scrabbling, scrawling script to obtain my local news. May Vivian Collings, the new editor of

the *Haliburton County Echo* and *County Life* be as perceptive.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the Freeman family and Bruce and Shirley Johnston in the death of Iris Freeman, who for years was my next-door neighbour, and who lately passed due to failing health, which led to last days at Extendicare Long-Term Care.

Helga Wolm has returned from several trips made with her daughter Denise to see her daughter Doris in Baltimore. Doris' life for several weeks hung in the balance, affecting heart and limbs. Now on the road to complete recovery she has had to endure an amputation. She can be reached by mail at 54 North Ritter's Lane, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117, USA.



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56. Broad blades

58. Leavened bread

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18. An unskilled actor who overacts

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35. Sends packing in a boxing match

37. Taxi

38. Decorative Russian tea urn

39. North American Great Plains natives

42. Seize

43. A passage with access only at one end

46. Cut a rug

47. Devil rays

49. Bubble up

50. Veranda

52. Outcast

54. Car mechanics group

55. Realm

57. A place to get off your feet

59. Popular music awards show

62. Consumed

63. A way to make cooler

66. Thus

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Red Hawks alumnus Nick Phippen smiles during the 100 mile race at the Haliburton Forest Ultra event held several weeks ago. Phippen, a teenager who didn't finish the race because of an ankle injury said he has plans to focus on maturing and develop as a runner and return in a few years to make another attempt. / DARREN LUM Staff

# 100 mile attempt is step forward

17-year-old's early exit opens chapter to running ambitions

DARREN LUM

Editor

Nick Phippen is one teenager with an undeniable desire to run down a dream. At 17, he was the youngest runner taking on the 100 mile signature race at this year's Haliburton Forest Ultra held several weeks ago. Phippen said he believed he could run the 100 mile distance, which would demand close to 24 hours of endurance. "I thought I could do it. I thought I'd try it and, I mean, it was a lot harder than I thought it was, but it was worth a shot and I'd definitely do it again," he said. One of the top runners in the field of the race told him to give it a few years of training and races before he makes another attempt. His ambitious goal was upended a little past 6 p.m. when he had run 12 hours and close to 45 miles into his attempt during a descent on a single-track area between checkpoints two and one (checkpoints were in reverse sequence) that left him with a badly twisted ankle, which resulted in being slightly hampered about three weeks after he competed. "It was just one of those weird rocks that I happen to step on and I just rolled it. I heard the crack and I was like, oh, man. That hurt," he said. The injury left him limping to checkpoint one. "I tried to run it off, but it was pretty bad. I didn't want to make it a lot worse than what it was," he said. He ended his attempt because he had concerns about permanent damage and how that could affect his running dreams. The most difficult aspect to tackling this distance is the recognition of the time it takes. At 24 hours of running time, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus said this distance is much more of a mental challenge than a physical one. For all the ups and downs runners face figuratively and literally, the greatest challenge is battling the negative thoughts. Phippen said one negative thought can fester. "A lot of it was just like in your head to keep going and keep running. It was hard to wrap my head around the fact that I had to run 24 hours. Like it was kind of crazy to think about once I started doing

it. Your body goes numb after a certain point. You kind of just can't really feel your legs and they're just there. It's a lot of in your head, like just gotta keep moving. Just keep moving," he said, referring to the self talk that happens. He's thankful to all his supporters, which included his parents who provided food and other necessities, to friends, past coaches, and volunteers and other runners at the race. It was a huge leap from his previous high of 50 kilometres, which he ran the year before at the same Haliburton Forest race. Last year, he ran the 50 kilometres in six hours and four minutes and 13 seconds and finished 11th overall. His next course of action is to head out West this autumn to the mountains of British Columbia where he plans to compete and train in the hopes of one day making the national team. Part of his plan is to run a few 50 mile races, 50 kilometre races and marathons. He said he's focused on taking small steps for now, but his dream is to represent Canada at the Olympics. For now, he's looking at developing and is excited for what's next. As far as another 100 mile race goes, he said at his age he will take a few years off so he can be fully prepared for another attempt. There's something special about running for Phippen that doesn't compare to other sports (though running provides excellent conditioning benefits). Getting to run in Haliburton County offers inspiration in addition to the enjoyment of the activity. "It's just a beautiful place to run through. It's peaceful. It's quiet. It's no one but you and nature and it's just great to experience," he said. Taking on a 100-mile race is all about the passion for running he has, but his advice for other young people on taking on any challenge is related to love and never giving up. "If you're being told to do it, you're not gonna like it. So you definitely got to love it. But you got to try new things too. Not everything's going to be easy, but if you don't quit, you can do it. The best advice I can give is just to challenge yourself and have fun with it," he said. "We're young. I've got 30 to 40 more years of running, hopefully. That's a lot of time for running and learning so you got to enjoy it and not quit now, right?"



# Debut album touches on contemporary challenges wrapped in nostalgia

*North of Seven's band steeped in the Highlands*

DARREN LUM

Editor

Passion and heart is central to the 10-track debut album, ... *Just sit down* by North of Seven.

Comprising of three Haliburton Highlands Secondary School alumnus, Eric Casper, Earl Johnson and Kyle Aggett, the band is excited about their debut album.

Two of the three band's members Casper and Johnson live in the Highlands, and Aggett may live in Peterborough, but his heart and roots are in the Highlands.

The album's songs include a few written years before and the rest are specific for the album. The production took three days to complete, including 40 hours of work in the studio.

Among the 10 songs on the album, it's *78 Days* (featuring Samara Johnson) that stands out for Casper.

"It's the best thing I've written with guitar. And I think the meaning of the song – bringing attention to the Oka Crisis that people don't forget history," Casper said.

The Oka Crisis, also known as the Kanesatake Resistance or the Mohawk Resistance at Kanesatake was a 78-day standoff (from July 11 to Sept. 25 in 1990) between Mohawk protestors, Quebec police, the RCMP and the Canadian Army. This standoff was the result of a proposed expansion of a golf course and the development of townhouses on disputed land in Kanesatake that included a Mohawk burial ground.

Casper adds despite this track being produced in the studio it was completed with the least amount of effort. Hearing the song, Casper's singing, drips with emotion, particularly during the chorus and conjures up hits in the 1990s such as by Canadian folk icon, Bruce Cockburn. Another track, *Face of Stone* has a rhythm and the accompanying lyrics, prompting one to sing along with and tap your foot to.

Casper characterizes the band as rock alternative, with influence from the grunge rock bands of the 1990s he and Johnson grew up listening to as teens. Johnson provides background vocals and plays guitar. Although Aggett is a 2002 graduate and his bandmates are graduates from the early 1990s, they all share a love of music and appreciation for the power of music, which was conveyed in this artistic collaboration.

Johnson said the album was led by Casper's initiative.

They started with a few of Casper's songs, Johnson's songs and then collaborated for new songs. Half the track list was created during the pandemic.

The trio were thankful and appreciative to their wives, they said. Another local aspect, which many youth can attest, is the connection and influence from the school's former music teacher Tom Regina, who has been retired for several years now. Regina's tenure included a long list of musical accomplishments, which included live local and out of the Haliburton County performances where the best high school musicians performed at various festivals and competitions.

The band praised the album's inside artwork by Poet Ever, a local artist whose work is showcased at the Limbic Collective in Haliburton.

The album is finished and is out there to purchase, but it really is the start of something more, Casper said.

"I think it's a starting point," Casper said. "This album, even though it's our first and only I don't plan it being the end. What we did is learn so much in the studio and now I'm just pumped to go back.



North of Seven's Kyle Aggett performs during a concert held several weeks ago. Aggett and his bandmates are excited about sharing their first album, ... *Just sit down* with listeners.



Lead singer and guitarist of North of Seven Eric Casper welcomes music lovers to check out the band's debut album. /FILE Darren Lum Staff

Maybe when we go back to the studio we might not do a whole album to start. We'll get two or three songs down and then do another two. But now that we have that experience I'm so excited to go back and record more."

With the past two years living during the COVID-19 pandemic, it's difficult to deny the affect it has had on us emotionally Johnson said.

"That's where the album came from. It's from the pandemic, from the isolation, from the feelings everyone had, trying to live on their own," he said.

Music can be entertaining and a diversion, but in other ways it can be a unifier like this album.

Johnson said the dark tone of the music's content was a reflection and a reminder of what everyone endured around the world, including in the Highlands.

The message to the listener, he said, is "that they're not alone."

Casper said the next album for the band will be more upbeat, as far as tempo and rhythm. He is looking forward to working on an album with a new style.

These three go back with familiar academic experiences at HHSS. However, the first time the band performed as North of Seven was at the Home Made Stew concert in 2020.

Back in the 1990s, Casper came to the area from Hamilton.

In Grade 9 or 10, Johnson remembers asking him about whether he played bass guitar or not. Although Casper said no he didn't, the bass guitar was handed to him anyways during a jamming session.

"You're playing bass," Johnson said at the time. Casper is playing bass now for the band, but music stuck.

## Love to add a guitarist

The band is actively interested in having another band member to play guitar. This would enable Casper to enable him to play bass for live shows.

"So, if there is a guitar player out there ..." he said, laughing.

Aggett loved to see how they all were able to think on the spot when the situation called for it at the studio.

"Something that we've never done, never even heard some of it. And all of a sudden it's like, oh, man. That's super cool. Where did you get that from?" he said.

The evolution of the album happened quickly.

Aggett said initially the plan was for an acoustic sound, so a Cajon box was considered for percussion, but when they arrived

at the studio they decided to use a drum kit. Aggett admitted it had been years since he regularly played, using a drum kit

"We just kind of decided that's how we were going to do it," he said. "We came up with some things on the spot. Kind of try to make it work. I loved how it came out. I loved how we worked together to make what it is now."

Johnson said the decision to switch up the sounds worked and brought more depth.

All three talked about how this album is a musical creation in the making over all the years they all have been with other

bands.

"Sometimes it happens. You end up jamming with a band and never recording anything," he said. And, then it happens. Studio magic yields a creation that three long-time friends can be proud to share as their first, but not likely their last.

*Purchase the album, which was produced by the band with producer David Joyce at Treblecock Studio in Peterborough, wherever the band performs, on their Facebook page, at Canoe FM in Haliburton, and through Russell Red Records at their store in Haliburton or on the store's website at [www.russellredrecords.ca](http://www.russellredrecords.ca).*



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## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

**DATE:** November 22nd, 2022  
**TIME:** Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.  
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

**APPLICATIONS:**  
The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

**Applicant:** 1426805 Ontario Limited  
**Location:** Part of the Original Allowance for Road Between Concessions 9 and 10 in front of Lot 2, Geographic Township of Dudley, defined as Part 1 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by Paul Wilson Consulting Ltd. dated August 19, 2022.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

**BEFORE PASSING** the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

**DATED** at the Township of Dysart, this 20th day of October, 2022.

**Jeff Iles**  
Director of Planning and Land Information



## Savoury song

Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton Branch 129 was a hopping place with plenty of fun at the first Wing and Sing event where songs were sung and wings for \$12 for a pound were being devoured and \$5 beer flowed on Saturday, Oct. 22 in the lower level. The Legion welcomes input on this (bi-weekly) event and are open to suggestions for other social events. Leave a suggestion in their suggestion box, or call them at 705-457-2571 or email [rc129@outlook.com](mailto:rc129@outlook.com). For more information on this and other activities such as their Friday Meat Draws and how their kitchen reopened on Nov. 2 see [www.haliburtonlegion.com/activities](http://www.haliburtonlegion.com/activities). /DARREN LUM Staff



Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton Branch 129's long-time member Ed Pickard sings.



Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton Branch 129's bartender Tim Lariviere, from left, and vice-president Derrick Moore were happy to show off the wings at the first Wing and Sing event .



Royal Canadian Legion  
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applauds the singing of  
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Darren Lum

After two separate stints and many years with the *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times*, Darren is leaving to pursue the next chapter in his life. Always the consummate professional, Darren worked tirelessly to shoot that perfect photo, write a meaningful editorial, or present an interesting and thought provoking story to our readers.

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Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter in confidence to:

Laura Casey, Manager of Payroll and HR  
hr@dysartet.al.ca

No Later Than 12:00 pm Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022

*We thank all those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities will be provided upon request. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.*

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Reporting to the Chief Building Official, this position is responsible for exercising powers and performing duties under the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code and other applicable law and related regulations. Responsible for reviewing plans, issuing permits, and performing site inspections. Provide customer service to the general public & contractors to answer zoning, building and septic permit application inquiries. Assist with the completion of applications including over the counter review.

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Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer  
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### KELLY, KENNETH

It is with great sadness that we announce that Ken Kelly went peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior, and is reunited with his first-born son Dane, on Saturday October 22nd, with his family by his side, in his 90th year.

He leaves behind Ruth Kelly (McKelvey), he was her devoted husband for 66 years. And his loving sons Brock(Tracey) and Aaron(Ada). A cherished Papa to Dane(Calley), McKelvey, Avery(Jeff), Cole(Carissa), Taryn, and Great "BIG" Papa to Lincoln and Aria. Ken was a much loved brother to Olive 'Kel' (Jim) Edgar, Bert(Lola) Kelly, John(Betty) Kelly, Gord(Vera) Kelly, Dave(Joan) Kelly, Sam(Shirley) Kelly, Barb(Earl) Collins, Roy(Aase) Kelly, Gary(Betty) Kelly, Bill(Sheila) Kelly, and brother in law and sister in law Bert and Jean(McKelvey) Platt and their children Kelly(Jim) and Tanya(Ian) and many more nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Saturday October 29, 2022 starting at 2:00pm, with a reception to follow in Cliffside Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations to Simcoe Manor would be greatly appreciated by the family. We would like to invite you to share your memories of Ken at [kenkellystories@gmail.com](mailto:kenkellystories@gmail.com). To leave the family expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)



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### Grant James Graham

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Predeceased by his parents Jake and Mary (Simmons) Graham.

Dear youngest brother of Ross, Shirley Hewitt (d. 2003), Gwen Mitchell (d. 2022), Ronnie, Mary (d. 2022), Merle, June Shepstone, Cecil, Barbara Johnston, Gordon and Donna McCormick.

Grant will be missed by his many nieces, nephews and friends, leaving behind lots of good times, laughs and memories.

Grant lived all his life in Irondale but enjoyed trips to both East and West coasts, Nashville and Graceland. He loved playing cards, hunting in his earlier years, ATVing and playing horseshoes.

Special thanks to Grant's dear friend Wendy and all the caring staff at the Haliburton Hospital.

At Grant's request, there will be no service. Cremation has taken place. Donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"Chow Chow" Grant. You will always be around us is spirit.

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## New rules

Building codes get greener

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## The girls got game

Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks celebrate the first goal, the eventual game-winner, by McKenzie Hill, left, who got mobbed by teammates Ali Hicks, Sandy Griffith and Brigitta Hicks, during a game against the St. Peter's Secondary School Saints in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final hosted by Haliburton at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field on Thursday, Oct. 27. See story on page 22.



## Apples

A look at baking the perfect apple pie

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**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is asking the county to continue to help support the Haliburton Fish Hatchery.

Members Bob Cole and Mike Johnson visited county councillors at their Oct. 26 meeting.

This year marks the end of a four-year funding agreement with the county under which it gave

the association \$20,000 per annum towards the operation of the hatchery.

The idea was that through its tours and various fundraising activities, the hatchery would become financially self-sufficient.

However, as Johnson reported to councillors, the association is currently running a deficit of nearly \$27,000, with a financial overview of the last year showing total revenue at just more than \$94,000 and total expenses at nearly \$122,000.

The hatchery produces tens of thousands of fish, mostly trout, each year.

In 2010, it stocked lakes with some 40,000 fish. Ninety-five per cent of the fish coming out of the hatchery are put back into county lakes.

"I don't think we really understand just how many fish you are putting in our lakes," county warden Murray Fearrey told Cole and Johnson, suggesting that a detailed breakdown in the future might help council to better appreciate the hatchery's activities.

see MINISTRY page 14

# Hatchery fishes for county cash

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